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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 98,375-C)

In the Application of:	)	
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Mehta et al.	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 1648
Serial No.: 09/701,979	)	
	)	Examiner: Lucas Zachariah
Filed: June 2, 1999	)	
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For: METHOD FOR STAINING BIOLOGICAL	)	
SPECIMENS BY COMBINING UNSTABLE	)	
REAGENTS ON A MICROSCOPIC SLIDE	)	

REPLY TO THE NOVEMBER 18, 2003 OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the November 18, 2003 Official Action for the above-captioned U.S. patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.